It is Sunday the 10th May 2009 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY news bringing you - cast 1542.

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IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 1st to 7th May, issued on 8th May by the IPS Radio and Space Service.

SUMMARY

Date	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
10cm flux	69	68	69	68	68	69	70
AFr index	2	3	2	2	2	6 (	8 estimated)
Aaus index	2	3	1	3	2	5 (	6 estimated)
T index	2	7	5	2	3	6	13

Solar flare activity was very low all week.

Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian Region was quiet all week.

Southern Australian Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were near predicted to 20 per cent enhanced on 1st and 3rd; near predicted to 45 per cent enhanced on 2nd; near predicted to 30 per cent depressed on 4th; and near predicted on 5th to 7th. Some night spread F was observed at Learmonth and Norfolk Is.

Forecast for 8th to 14th May.

Solar activity should be low.

Geomagnetic activity should see quiet to unsettled conditions.

Frequencies should be near predicted monthly values.

Courtesy of the IPS Radio and Space Services

Summary by Pat Leeper VK2JPA

As the VK2SG RTTY Notes have still not arrived, we are including the ARRL DX News for this week.

ARLD018 DX news for 7th May 2009

AZERBAIJAN, 4J. Members of the Azerbaijan Radio are QRV with special call 4K1V in commemoration of ''Victory-64'' until May 19. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via UA3FDX.

UNITED NATIONS HQ, 4U1UN. Henry, KT1J plans to be QRV as 4U1UN on May 8 and 9. He will be active on 6 meters. QSL via HB9BOU.

CROATIA, 9A. A group of IOCA members are QRV as 9A0CI from Palagruza Island, IOTA EU-090, until May 16. They also plan to activate Mala Palagruza and Kamik Od Tramuntane as 9A/home calls.

QSL via DE0MST.

PORTUGAL, CT. Members of ARAL will be QRV as CS5FAT from May 11 to 13. QSL via CT6ARL.

BELARUS, EU. In commemoration of ''Victory-64'' stations EV5V, EV6ZK and EV8DP are QRV until June 20. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via UA3FDX.

FRANCE, F. In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Council of Europe, station TP60CE is active until May 10. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via F5LGF.

ENGLAND, G. Members of the Bittern DX Group are participating in the National Mills on the Air and are QRV as GB1WM until May 10 from Weybourne Mill in Weybourne, North Norfolk. Activity is on all HF and VHF bands, including some digital modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

WALES, GW. Members of the Barry Amateur Radio Society are QRV as GB100BP until May 31 in celebration of 100 years of British Petroleum. QSL via GW0ANA.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. Ronny, OT4R, will be QRV as HI7/home call during his holidays from Punta Cana, IOTA NA-096, from May 9 to 30. Activity will be on 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL to home call.

BELGIUM, ON. Members of the ''Trudo Radioamateurs Club'' in Haspengouw are QRV using the special callsign ON100PES until the end of 2009 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first Belgian Antarctic expedition led by Adrien de Gerlache. QSL via ON4TRC.

BANGLADESH, S2. Ramon, DU1UGZ is now QRV as S21XR until June 20. QSL to home call.

SWEDEN, SM. A team of eight operators will be QRV as 7S6W from IOTA EU-043 from May 14 to 17. Activity will be on 80 to 2 meters with four stations. QSL via SM6WET. In addition, Bernd, DL8AAV is QRV as SD1B/7 until June 12 from Oeland Island, IOTA EU-037. QSL to home call.

MICRONESIA, V6. Operators JA7HMZ and JH7IOS will be QRV as V63DX and V63CW, respectively, from Pohnpei, IOTA OC-010, from May 11 to 16. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters. QSL to home calls.

VANUATU, YJ. Mike, YO8CYN is QRV is QRV as YJ0EM until May 25 and is active in his spare time. He is generally active on 20 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The CQ-M International DX Contest, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, VK/Trans-Tasman 80-Meter Phone Contest, EUCW Fraternizing CW QSO Party, VOLTA World Wide RTTY Contest, FISTS Spring CW Sprint, Nevada Mustang Roundup, 50 MHz Spring Sprint, SKCC Weekend CW Sprint and the RSGB 80-Meter Club Data Championship will certainly keep contesters busy this weekend.

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 907 - excerpts

3D2, FIJI (IOTA Op)
Akira, JA1NLX, will once again be active as 3D2YA from Mana Island (OC-121) in Mamanuca Group, between June 29th and July 3rd. Activity will be on

80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct (w/SASE). Log will be uploaded to LoTW.

A3, TONGA (Update)
Paul, A35RK, informs OPDX that Dave, A35KL, has been active on 80-15 meters with a couple of openings to Europe occurring on both 30 and 20 meters between 0600-0830z. Dave has 750+ QSOs in the log so far. On May 1st, Dave and Paul put up a G5RV antenna and worked W1MK on 80m CW at 0943z. Paul states that 40 meters appears to be open to North America at that time, but there have been very few takers on that band. He adds, "20 and 30 meters have been the 'money bands'." Dave will be departing Vava'u (OC-064) on May 5th, at which time Paul, A35RK, will become active using the G5RV. Paul will be there until June 1st, and possibly a bit longer signing A35RK/p. QSL A35RK/p via W7TSQ or via LoTW. Remember to QSL A35KL via W6ZL (w/SASE or IRC, or via LoTW).

C2, NAURU (Update/Change)
Dani, EA4ATI/9M2TI, in Malaysia, informs OPDX some details have been changed for their DXpedition to activate Nauru in the Pacific (refer to OPDX.894). The callsign C21TI will remain the same as well as operating frequencies. However, Dani states, "Our webmaster (EA4YK) has changed the Web site as we had a lot of hackers..... The DXpedition is postponed to June and exact dates will be announced soon." Looking at the new Web page, dates have now been posted. Operation is expected to take place between June 16-26th. Visit their new Web page at:
http://c21ti.madrono.net/index.html

DXCC NEW
* Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC Credit:
S04R - Western Sahara; 2009 Operation
E51QQQ - North Cook Islands; 2009 Operations
If you have had any QSLs rejected in a recent DXCC submission, please send an E-mail to dxcc@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update.

E51SIX 6M DXPEDITION WRAP-UP
Lance, W7GJ, has put together a nice PDF file of his recent (March) 6m EME operation from Rarotonga in the South Cook Islands. All the photos in the PDF file are in high resolution, so you can zoom in on any detail in the photos if you wish. Read his story at:
http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/E51SIX.htm (20 pages, 60 MB)

FG, GUADELOUPE (Ilet Op)
The radio club FG5KC Guadeloupe will try to activate three ilets (Kaouane, Caret and Fajou) on a day during the the first week of June. They are looking for some sponsors to help with the QSL cost. Visit their Web site for more news on their DXpedition:
http://acra-radioclub.site.voila.fr

IOTA NEWS

EU-090. Slovenian operators Jane/S57L, Goran/S52P, Vinko/S53F, Brane/ S56UGB and Silvo/S50X will be active as 9A8ZRS from Vela Palagruza Island (ACIA IC-901, CIA-33, IOCA CI-084, MIA MC-284, ARLHS CRO-012, CLH-100, WHL 9A-046, WLOTA 0057), July 20-31st. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10/6/2 meters using CW, SSB, PSK-31 and possibly other digital modes. They will also be an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). QSL via the operator's instructions.

NA-079. Operators Bill/WD2E and Sofia/AI4KQ will be active as WD2E/4 from the Dry Tortugas Islands, May 8-14th. QSL via WD2E, direct or by the Bureau.
NA-201. Ed, CO7PH, and possibly other Cuban operators will be active as T47D from Jardines de la Reina, probably from Cayo Anclitas, between July 24-31st. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes, as well as an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). QSL via CO7PH (QRZ.com).(QRZ.com)

JW, SVALBARD
Robert/LA9QNA and his XYL Gro will be active as JW9QNA from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen between July 17-22nd. Activity will include entries in the NA RTTY QSO Party (20m) and the CQ World Wide VHF Contest. QSL via LA9QNA.

JW, SVALBARD
Ingrid/LA8FOA and Unni/LA6RHA, members of the Scandinavian YL Radio Amateurs (SYLRA), report that they planning an "expedition" to a part of Norway - remote but still very accessible, after the SYLRA meeting in Kolbotn (near Oslo), September 3-6th. Their plans are to get a group of YL operators (and possibly their OM) to activate the Longyearbyen radio station from Svalbard between September 6-13th. They have already received the callsign JW1SYL for the operation. For more details and updates, please visit the following Web pages at:
http://home.online.no/~la6rha/expedition_to_svalbard.htm
http://www.sylra.is/index2.html

KP2/NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
Operators Larry/K3VX, William/W3WH, Ron/W3WN, John/W9UK and Carl/K9CS will active from here between May 28th and June 2nd. Operators will be signing homecall/KP2, but during the CQ WPX CW Contest, they will be signing NP2SH (possibly as a Multi-2 entry). QSL W3WN/KP2 via W3WN. QSL all others via K9CS.

LZ2009, BULGARIA (Special Event)
Look for special event station LZ2009KM to be active from the HQ of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs between May 1-31st. Activity is to celebrate national "St. Kiril and Methodius Day" (creators of Cyrillic alphabet). Operations will be on all bands and modes. QSL via bureau to LZ1PJ. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. More information is available at:
http://www.qrz.com/db/LZ2009KM

NEW ANTARCTIC WEB SITE
Bob, K4MZU, Antarctic Chaser and QSL Manager for several U.S. Antarctic Stations has set up an interesting Antarctic Web site at:
http://www.k4mzu.net
On it you can see a very nice general Antarctic QSL Gallery and a more attractive U.S. Antarctic QSL Gallery, plus a wonderful Antarctic Hams and Bases Album. There are years of Antarctic passion in there! The site is in the beginning stages as there are more pictures coming in. An Antarctic DX Chasers Page is under construction and lets you see what kind of surprise is coming up! Also anyone having photos of U.S. Hams operating in Antarctica is encouraged to send them to K4MZU at: oldbibles@aol.com

ON100, BELGIUM (Special Event)
Members of the Trudo Radioamateurs Club (TRC), in Haspengouw, will be active as ON100PES during the entire year of 2009. Activity is to celebrate Belgium's two scientific event. First is to celebrate the 100th anniversary since Adrien de Gerlache led the first Belgian expedition to the Antarctic on board the Belgica between 1897-1899. The second event took place on February 15th, of this year with the inaugural opening of the Princess Elizabeth research station.
This research station is the first of its kind that follows the concept of "Zero Emission". The callsign represents three elements. In ON100PES the ON is the prefix for Belgium, 100 is the centenary for the pole expeditions and PES is the abbreviation for Princess Elizabeth Station.
The special event QSL card (double format) will only be sent to all stations who send their QSL card to ON4TRC. There will be an award given those stations who work ON100PES on five bands. Activity will be on HF, VHF/UHF and 2m/70cm. PLEASE NOTE: WAP has given ON100PES and ON100PES/p the new reference number (WAP-175) valid for WAP Awards (WACA,WADA & ASEA). More details are available at the WAP Web site:
http://www.waponline.it

SOLAR CYCLE 24 (Ed. Or is 23 still?) WEB SITE
Some say we are still in Solar Cycle 23 (which mean the cycle is 13 years old), but anyway, you decide. A Web page is available for those who believe we are in Solar Cycle 24. It is put together by Kevin Gibeau, VE3EN, tracking the new solar cycle. This interesting site has plenty of information and updates every two minutes using a wide range of sources. Give it a look at:
http://www.solarcycle24.com

YOUNG BRIT CAME OUT AS WINNER OF RADIO ARCALA ESSAY CONTEST
In a press release by Jarmo, OH2BN: "It was in February 2009 when the team at Radio Arcala, OH8X launched an essay contest to get some fresh ideas from today's youth and their elders to boost recruitment to the ranks of Amateur Radio. Great participation was ensured and determining the winners took some effort from a multinational jury representing six nations.
A 19-year old Briton, Mark Dumpleton, 2E0NCG came out as winner by a fair margin while two U.S. hams, John Scott Anderson, KC9OQO and Brian Wood, W0DZ , finished in second and third place respectively.
Argentinian Diego Salom, LU8DX, was recognized for his submission of the best Spanish language piece. You can read Mark's piece and his interview at
http://www.radioarcala.com
under the 'Young People Terms' button and get your personal inspiration to do your share for Amateur Radio."

The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au, or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.
73â€™s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer.